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Kuipers Awarded Michigan Manufacturers Association “2002 Advocate of the Year Award”

(LANSING) – The Michigan Manufacturers Association honored state Senator Wayne Kuipers with their “2002 Advocate of the Year Award” for his diligent work on education and its effect on manufacturing at their annual legislative reception earlier this week.

“I am honored and humbled to receive the Michigan Manufacturers Association’s 2002 Advocate of the Year Award,” Kuipers, chair of the Senate Education Committee said. “Education is my number one priority in the Legislature, and I take into serious consideration that each issue addressed will affect every child, family and worker in Michigan.”

The Michigan Manufacturers Association each year honors one member from the House and one member for the Senate for the “Advocate of the Year Award.” Senator Kuipers was recognized by the association for his work on education while serving as a state representative in 2002.

“Our members recognize the work Senator Kuipers is doing with education and its importance to manufacturing,” Chuck Hadden, Michigan Manufacturers Association Vice-President of Government of Affairs, said. “A skilled workforce is one of the most important qualities manufacturers look for when citing a facility in a state. Senator Kuipers is making sure that happens here in Michigan.”

Hadden recognized Senator Kuipers’ work on such education issues as charter schools and education flexibility and its importance to manufacturing for receiving the award.

Senator Kuipers received the award at the Michigan Manufacturers Associations’ annual legislative reception held Tuesday, May 13 at the Lansing Country Club. Approximately 200 members and government affairs representatives attended the reception.